

# Brass & Lifers Scared- Challenge Has Them on Run!

In a panic, the lifers and brass, with the help of Military Intelligence and MP's, have been trying to stop GI's and WAC's from reading Challenge-Desafio, the revolutionary communist newspaper of the Progressive Labor Party.

The brass have constantly spread the rumor that it is a court martial offense to have the paper. This would break their own bankrupt, self-serving UCMJ plus AR-381-135(D). In some barracks they even have shakedowns, which were supposedly for drugs, but in reality they were looking to see who and how many GI's had the paper.

The brass and the lifers are so scared that whenever they see a GI or WAC with the paper they try to take it away from them! One time, two GI's were in the main bowling alley reading Challenge when the lifers who ran the place called the MP's. The MP's took the GI's to the MP station and held them for 2 hours while the MP's read the paper. The MP's wanted badly to find out where the GI's had gotten the paper, but both of them refused to say. Finally, in frustration, the MP's said that if the GI's wanted the papers back they were going to press charges. What charges? Reading a communist newspaper? The MP's didn't know what to say. The two GI's left without the paper but with a deeper hatred of MP's and the army. There have been many incidents like this in bases all over the country.

Many GI's and WAC's have not taken these attacks lightly, a lot of us are very angry. This leaflet tells why these attacks are taking place, and HOW WE CAN FIGHT BACK AND WIN.

## BOSS' PRESS versus CHALLENGE

Why is it that the Oklahoma Journal, Daily Oklahoman, Lawton Constitution, and the Ft. Sill Cannoneer (this last paper they can't even sell because it's so full of lies) are distributed and sold openly and freely on post and not Challenge? What makes Challenge so different? Just what are the lifers and brass so afraid of?

The newspapers that are sold openly and freely on post only have ideas which serve the lifers, brass and the big boss--the capitalist class or ruling class. Those are the people who own and control the banks, factories, transportation, and everything else of value, and who use the cops, laws, courts, and army to protect themselves, their property and profits. It's these same people who get rich while we fight and die in THEIR wars for THEIR profits. They also control the newspapers, radio and TV to spread their lies around in the hopes that we'll start to believe them.

Challenge is a lot different because its purpose is to serve the working class--US. It tells the truth about the conditions of GI's-WAC's, workers and students and helps us carry on WINNING fights against these conditions. Challenge is the only paper in the country which reports to you about day to day struggles, small and large, of working people and communists against the bosses. Together with these articles are the lessons that we can learn so that we can apply them to our fights. These lessons, together with communist analysis, Marxism-Leninism, are winning combinations for our struggles and have the bosses uptight.



This is what the lifers, brass and especially the ruling class are scared to death of. They tremble everytime they see a WAC or GI reading Challenge.



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FIGHT BACK

From basic training on they continuously say like a parrot, "YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE ARMY". But Challenge is filled with stories about GI's-WAC's, workers, and students who are FIGHTING BACK AND WINNING.

Here at Ft. Sill, a militant black WAC slugged the Officer of the Day after he made a racist and male chauvunist remark. He started to hit her back, but her white and black friends quickly helped her and chased the officer to the CQ room. The MP's came only long enough to rescue the officer and then quickly retreated.

At Ft. Knox black and white GI's and GI wives, two of them members of PLP got together to fight racist harassment. In their paper EM-16 they exposed how the Army was trying to court martial two black GI's on trumped up charges. Because of this exposure, over 25 GI's showed up at the court martial and scared the brass into dropping the charges.

At Ft. Dix, the army fearing growing militancy, stepped up its racist attacks. GI's responded by organizing mass support for fighting against the court martial of a Puerto Rican soldier. In the face of white, black and Puerto Rican GI's united together the brass dropped all charges.

Read Challenge for the full stories of these struggles.

FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM

Many soldiers, workers and students are beginning to see that we need communist ideas and a communist party-Progressive Labor Party-as the only way to fight and win not only our daily battles, but also the final battle to smash the bosses.

Then we soldiers, workers and students can build our own system SOCIALISM where the work that we do will be turned into a better life for all of us and not the bosses.

WHAT WE CAN DO NOW

Join us. Only many of us together can smash the boss' army. Form a group with other GI's and start to fight back, contact us at the address below.

People want communist ideas, so pass the ball, discuss this leaflet with your friends. Demand that you be allowed to keep and read Challenge. Anti-communism is the way the brass and lifers try to split GI's from winning ideas. It also acts as a way for them to not talk about how rotten the army is. We must fight their anti-communist harassment.

Write a letter to Challenge describing your conditions and struggles that you are involved in. Talk about things that will help the rest of us fight back.

Send in comments, disagreements, criticisms, questions, etc.

Write us about a regular "bundle order" of papers to sell in your barracks and to other friends here and back home.

Collect money, even a little, and send it in. We don't sell ads--our money comes only from soldiers, workers and students like you.

Learn more about your paper and party. Write to the address below to subscribe or to get more information on the Progressive Labor Party. Send for the free GI Program.

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